

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
APRIL 18, 1996

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Yvonne Brown, John Junkin, II, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Member absent: Patricia Puckett

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Curtis Kynerd, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Ed Schneider, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yvonne Brown.

Chairman Breazeale asked Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College to introduce visitors attending on behalf of the Vicksburg Warren County Center. They were as follows: Mr. Dwight Woodward, Mr. Roy C. Eaves, Mr. Walter B. Hallberg, Jr., Mr. Wilsey S. Kelly, Mr. Fred Messina, Mr. Bill Lauderdale, Mr. Hilton Dyar, and Vicksburg Mayor Joe Loviza. Also attending were Dr. Jeanne Forrester, Dr. David Haraway, Joanna Heidel, and Mrs. Nancy Alley.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Yvonne Brown, the Board approved the minutes of the March 27, 1996, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by George Walker, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray reminded Board members that their Statement of Economic Interest forms are due in the Mississippi Ethics Commission's office by May 1, 1996.

Dr. Ray also reported that the Mississippi Bond Commission met on April 26, 1996, adopting a resolution calling for bids for \$23.5 million dollars in bonds for technology infrastructure.

Dr. Ray gave a brief overview of the 1996 Legislative Session.

The Association received a report from Dr. Clyde Muse, Chairman of the MACJC Legislative Committee. The MACJC Legislative Planning meeting will be held on May 23 - 25, 1996, at the Broadwater Beach Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The Association approved a request for funding from the MACJC Creative Writing Association for their annual contest in the amount of \$5,000.

Recognition and Presentation to Dr. Jeanne Forrester

Chairman Paul Breazeale introduced Dr. Jeanne Forrester, the Governor's Special Advisor on Education. Dr. Forrester is getting married and will be leaving the state. Frankie Walton-White read a resolution of appreciation to Dr. Forrester for her service and contributions to the State of Mississippi. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as read. Dr. Forrester also received a plaque in recognition of her work.

Hinds Community College Request for Academic Status at Vicksburg

Dr. Olon Ray presented a report (Exhibit A) on the request for mission expansion to academic center status for Hinds Community College's Vicksburg-Warren County Center. The report compared Hinds' request to adopted SBCJC criterion. Upon review, the Vicksburg Center did not meet all SBCJC criterion, and the Executive Director recommended the request be denied. John Junkin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and deny the request for academic center status from the Hinds Vicksburg Center. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Brown. The Chairman opened the floor for discussion. Comments were received from: Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College, Vicksburg Mayor Joe Loviza, Hilton Dyar, Bill Lauderdale, President of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and Walter Hallberg, Jr. Chairman Breazeale called for a vote on the motion and the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the Hinds Vicksburg Center's request for academic campus status.

Finance Committee

On finance committee recommendation, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 1996, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080, 4110, and 4301 in the total amount of \$4,358,371.41. (Exhibit B)

On finance committee recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve a revised Z-1 form indicating recurring technology funds authorized in Senate Bill 2505, in the amount of \$392,912.00. (Exhibit C)

John Junkin presented the FY 1997 appropriations for Senate Bill 3059, Administration Budget, and Senate Bill 3060, Support, for the Board's review. No action was required. (Exhibit D)

The Bi-monthly Capital Improvement Report on Senate Bill 3057 and Senate Bill 3304 bond projects was presented for the Board's information. No action was required. (Exhibit E)

On finance committee recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve guidelines for the administration of associate degree nursing (ADN) support for FY 1997. (Exhibit F)

Mr. Junkin presented FY 1998 budget requests for administration and support for discussion and suggestions. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

John Junkin presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, 3292, and 4300 for the Board's review. (Exhibit H) No action was required.

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a Memorex-Telex router in the amount of \$13,690.

In other business, John Junkin distributed a breakdown of technology bond bill funding for the community colleges in the total amount of \$12,500,000. (Exhibit I) Mr. Junkin also discussed answers to questions raised at the last Board meeting dealing with the audit reports surveys completed by the colleges at the request of SBCJC staff.

* Meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m.

**Meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Workforce Education Report

George Walker updated Board members on State Workforce Training Council matters. Mr. Walker reported that the demand for quality workforce training is increasing almost daily. He also reported that at a time when the need is increasing, the Skill Tech budget was reduced by \$200,000. This money was diverted to the University of Southern Mississippi to fund the Industrial Training Degree Program. Mr. Walker again emphasized the demand for quality workforce training and the need for additional and continued funding support for this training.

Ed Schneider gave the Board a brief overview of the Workforce Act of 1996. Mr. Schneider reported that the members of the State Workforce Training Council had been increased to twenty-seven members. Sequencing of appointment terms will now prevent a turnover of the Council.

Mr. Schneider also reported that pre-employment employee certification through the Career Centers has produced an 85% plus completion rate and 4,500 jobs during the last seven months. An Adult Basic Ed Task Force will be focusing on job opportunities and skills as well as adult basic education.

Health Care Committee Update

Hazel Terry reported on a Focus Committee meeting held April 17, 1996. Another meeting is scheduled within three weeks. Dr. Larry Day stated that the purpose of the focus group was to identify items to share at a state-wide conference. Items for discussed included potential speakers, and a list of potential conference participants. The ultimate purpose for the conference will be to development of strategies and survival guides to help guide the state's two year public colleges through the current evolution process in the health care system and establish core qualities that would represent the state's vision of what constitutes quality health care for all citizens. Barriers that might exist in providing quality health care were also discussed.

A summary of the focus group meeting will be prepared and reviewed at the next meeting. The committee will then proceed to secure funding for a state-wide conference.

GED Report

Bill Box gave Board members an update on GED Office activities and distributed a copy of the 1995 GED Statistical Report for their review. (Exhibit J) Mr. Box also reported that John Lindsay from Jackson had achieved the highest score on the GED for 1995 and asked that he be recognized at the June SBCJC meeting.

Revision of Vo-Tech Programs Placed on Probation

Bill Bunch presented a revised list of Vocational and Technical Programs Recommended to be Placed or Continued on Probation for Board approval. On staff recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised listing. (Exhibit K)

Legislative Report

Bill Bunch gave a final report on legislation passed during the 1996 Legislative Session that affects the SBCJC. Summaries of all general legislation will be prepared and presented to the Board at the May, 1996, meeting.

EdNet Report

Chairman Breazeale reported TruVision, EdNet's private partner, will have an initial public offering of its stock beginning next week. Dr. Ray suggested that a ruling be requested from the State Ethics Commission as to whether Board members could purchase TruVision stock.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Breazeale asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement to the following members:

EdNet Board Meeting - Paul Breazeale
Health Care Focus Meeting, 4/17/96 - Hazel Terry
Technology Conference, 4/16/96 - Nell Rogers

Official Change of July Board Meeting

On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to change the July Board meeting to Friday, July 19, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the Broadwater Resort Coronet Room in Biloxi, Mississippi.

OTHER BUSINESS


In other business, Hazel Terry commended Debra Anderson, Dr. Larry Day, and Elizabeth Ducksworth for their outstanding work in dealing with the Health Care Committee Focus Group.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director